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First Baseball Victory

May 8 is a day to remember! Our baseball team, the first to represent the School in interscholastic competition, won its first game! The boys defeated the varsity team from Cambridge School of Weston. Previously the boys had lost to Milton Academy jv, Brooks School jv, Rivers Country Day School, and Noble and Greenough jv. Now that the victory column is reached things appear much brighter for our team.

Winter Storms Raise Havoc

The winter storms caused havoc with our dikes and waterfront. Some of the damage has been repaired, but there is still a great deal to be done. Tons of heavy debris were washed over our wharf, wrecking our electric and oil pipe lines, as well as tearing the wharf rails from their supports. It will be some time before we will be able to completely repair the heavy damage done by these numerous storms, but we are progressing with the more important parts of the job.

Parents Council Organized

There has been organized recently a Parents Council, which we know will be of great value in promoting a warm, close relationship among the pupils, parents and staff at the School. This closer relationship will vitally aid in giving a keener understanding of the many school problems which arise in the day by day school life of our boys. The Council holds monthly meetings, with its president, Elmer Ficks, in the chair.

The Faneuil Hall Concert

The Annual Spring Concert of the school Band was given in Faneuil Hall on Sunday April 29, before an enthusiastic audience. Our genial band director, Frank L. Warren, was assisted by three guest conductors, and those who came expecting a fine performance were certainly not disappointed.

The program was carefully chosen to represent a wide variety of musical compositions. Serious, light and novelty selections were included. Four of the boys played solos with band accompaniment, and each did a masterful job.

Howard B. Ellis, '98, our former bandmaster, was introduced by Mr. Warren. He spoke of his days at the School, and commended the boys on their fine musicianship. Emmanuel LaRue, the second guest conductor, spoke of his interest in the band and led the boys in the "Salutation" March, the music being from his personal library, which he had presented as a gift to our band. W. Marshall Hall, '26, was another guest conductor. He is well known in Boston professional music circles as a conductor and music administrator.

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EDITORIAL

"Birds of a feather flock together" is a well known proverb and generally proves a point,—that people group together according to their likes and dislikes. In youth it is very important that we select companions carefully.

Your closest companion is yourself. He is the one who knows everything you do, and is always with you. He knows when you play the game fairly, and when you don't. It pays to think often of the line, "I want to be fit for myself to know." Shakespeare, in one of his plays, stated substantially the same thought when he wrote that when you are true to yourself you cannot be false to any man.

Then look to yourself first. Be sure you are the sort of lad you want to be friendly with. Then, in picking your friends, choose those who fit your pattern. It is mandatory that you develop the practice of choosing the right friends. How can you make friends? By being one yourself. By wanting to help others. By doing your best to further any enterprise in which you are a part, be it a class activity or the baseball nine. By thinking first, last and always of the team, of which you are a part, and not of yourself.

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We appreciate very much the attendance of each member of the audience. The weather was damp and dismal, and many made a special effort to be on hand. Nothing inspires and helps the boys with their music as much as the interest of such a wonderful audience.

The program, and roster of the Band, follows:

PROGRAM

MARCH—Chief of Staff *Rosekrans*
OVERTURE—Day of Youth *Fulton*

TRUMPET SOLO—The Wanderer
Loren E. Cain

SELECTION—Sullivan's Opera Gems

CLARINETSOLO—David Polka *Albee*
Barry R. Fuller

TROMBONE SOLO—Aloha Oe
William F. James

MARCH—Our Director *Harlow*

TUBA SOLO—In the Cradle of the Deep
Thomas Angelos

OVERTURE—Prince and Jester *Taylor*

SELECTION—Golden Days *King*

NOVELTY—
Farm and Trades School Has a Band

MARCH—Footlifter *Fillmore*

Star Spangled Banner

Roster of the Band

Major Frank L. Warren, *Conductor*

Clarinets
Daniel W. Dockham
Barry R. Fuller
Walter H. Morse
Donald G. Oke
Ronald L. Zisk

Cornets
Loren E. Cain
Malcolm Cameron, Jr.
Earl A. Chamberlain
John W. Cronin
David E. Ficks
Gregory F. Ford
Kenneth D. Ford
Robert H. Grignon
George E. Hodson

Baritone
Albert K. Ellis

Trombones
William H. Cain
William F. James
Basil T. Veglas

Drums
Douglas V. Briggs
Terry A. Cobb
Richard B. Pulsifer
Donald E. Robicheau
Steven R. Wellington

Altos
William H. Horn
Carleton Skinner, Jr.
Michael C. Veglas
Thomas J. Walker

Basses
Thomas Angelos
John E. Lennon

Saxophone
George D. McPeek

Daniel J. Ireson, *Band Secretary*

Topics in Brief

We present this month an abridged version of the BEACON. We hope to gradually evolve the publication into a more modern, efficient school journal. This paper was first published 60 years ago, and its format has not changed during the years. We now feel that the BEACON can best serve its purpose by streamlining and modernization, and are aiming at that goal.

A Thompson's Island program was given at the April meeting of the East Boston Kiwanis Club. Our Director of Admissions, Ralph E. Stevens, addressed the group and told of plans for the immediate future of our School. He was assisted by Clifton E. Albee, who showed colored slides of school activities and answered questions. It was a fine meeting and we thank the Club for inviting us to tell our story.

The boys have enjoyed numerous trips to Boston for various purposes recently. Several have gone to the movies as room prize awards. Others attended the Motorama spectacle. Another group visited the Navy Yard, and another toured the Schuster Woolen Mills in East Douglas.

Our farm has been busy this spring getting the land ready for seeding. Mr. Steves, our farm instructor, is being assisted by a few of the older boys, who have a flair for farm work. The milk production from our herd has been increased noticeably by the use of a special feed formula. New equipment, purchased at substantial cost, permits the elimination of outmoded labor practices, and greatly aids in our farm work.

The PILGRIM III is being given a thorough overhauling. The good ship has had a hard winter, and needs much vital work done on her. The boat is 22 years old, and when our painting crew finish their work she will appear as neat and trim as the day she slid down the ways at Wiscasset, Maine.

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The Band enjoyed a treat long to be remembered recently, when the boys attended a concert given by the Harvard University Band, in Symphony Hall. Tickets for the occasion were paid for by a friend who wishes to remain anonymous, and to whom the boys want to say sincerely, "Thanks very much." It was a grand experience for our band members.

The band has had a busy time. On April 20 the boys played a concert for the Taleb Grotto of Quincy. The musicianship of the boys was applauded heartily by the several hundred Masons present, and at the close of the concert a standing ovation was given the boys. On April 29 the Faneuil Hall concert, the 20th in the series of annual events, was a great success. On May 5 the boys took part in the Northeastern Mass. School Music Festival at Watertown, and on May 12 they joined with thousands of other high school youngsters in a similar regional event at Needham. The Band is looking forward to participation in a civic observance on Memorial Day, which will give the boys the opportunity to hear the famous U. S. Marine Band from Washington, which will take part in the same event.

In order to improve our kitchen facilities, and to aid in more efficient and economical operation of this very important department, we have made a substantial investment in new equipment. A Savory toaster, two Garland grills and a combination coffee and tea urn have recently been installed. We have plans for additional new equipment for our food service unit and it is our hope to completely modernize the department. With food a necessary very expensive item, every step we can take to improve quality and lower costs is of major importance.

News of the Alumni

S. NEWCOMB GRAHAM, '54, had the pleasure of seeing one of his news photographs appear on the front page of the Quincy Patriot-Ledger very recently. One seldom sees Newcomb without his camera! He is a senior in Quincy High School. His address: 343 Rock Island Road, Quincy, Mass.

FRANK N. BABICK, '45, is alumni representative of his class at Mount Hermon School. Frank is presently a student at Northeastern University.

We note, with sadness, the passing of FRANK W. WALLACE, '81, on May 11, at Wolfeboro, N. H. He was a devoted alumnus and will be sorely missed. Our sympathies are extended the family.

S-SGT. WILLIAM D. DELORIE, '37, is stationed in French Morocco, where he is a supervisor and organizer of athletic programs and events for men of the U. S. A. F. in that area. His work has taken him to Turkey, Greece, Italy, Germany, France and Spain. He writes that conditions are relatively quiet now, but no one can be certain of prolonged peace. He recently met S-SGT. William L. Littlejohn, '36, USAF, who is also on duty in Morocco. Sgt. DeLorie's address is AF 11051488, Hq. 17th AF, APO 18, New York, N. Y.

REGINALD D. RANDALL, '32, joined our staff this month as Groundsman.

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Mr. Kihlstrom Retires

Mr. B. Y. Kihlstrom came to our School in 1919 and has served as Sloyd instructor since that time. He tendered his resignation to become effective at the close of this academic year. It was with regret that our Board of Trustees accepted this decision, for Mr. Kihlstrom's devotion to duty and his superlative teaching skill are simply unparallelled.

Generations of Thompson's Island boys will feel a tug at their hearts as they learn that Mr. Kihlstrom is no longer on our staff. A sloyd instructor without peer, he has also played a most important part in the everyday lives of hundreds of our boys by his active interest in all phases of their school life. A Christian gentleman, scholar, craftsman and musician, his daily influence in the cultural lives of our boys has been of supreme importance.

At the annual luncheon of the alumni association on June 9, Mr. Calvin Page Bartlett, President of the Board of Trustees, stated in a letter which was read to the alumni, that everyone at the School realized full well Mr. Kihlstrom's great contribution to the lives of generations of Thompson's Island boys. Mr. Bartlett expressed the warm appreciation of the Board to Mr. Kihlstrom for his long period of devoted service to The Farm and Trades School. The trustees presented Mr. Kihlstrom with a substantial retirement check.

Mr. Kihlstrom will now have opportunity to do many things which time has never permitted. We know that his retirement years will be busy, happy and fruitful. We wish him good fortune.

Memorial Day

Our services for Memorial Day began with an impressive Chapel program on the Sunday preceding the holiday. This was held under the direction of Mr. Kehew, who had the assistance of the following boys:

James Robbins and George Hodson led the Flag Salute; Barry Fuller read Governor Herter's Proclamation; Kenneth Ford recited the "Gettysburg Address;" John Combellack recited "In Flander's Fields," and Richard Dey read "I have a Rendezvous with Death." Mr. Kehew had an inspiring address, in which he included the reading of the names of our boys who were lost in World War II. Prayers, special music and the singing of appropiate hymns were included in the order of worship.

On the holiday those who were at the school decorated the graves at our little south end cemetery. An account of those who lie there was read, and prayers were offered. Because of the inclement

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EDITORIAL

A scene which always gives a genuine thrill is the warm handclasp of the captains of rival athletic teams just before a game. We have come a long way from the primitive ways of the cave man era, and it would be wise for every young lad to ponder the value of acquiring high standards of courtesy. The handshake is a symbol of the gentleman and true sportsman.

One may be possessed of greater than average intelligence. He may be a great worker, industrious and persevering in all ways. He may be skilled in many fields. But if his manners are offensive, and he is not a gentleman, he will find the path to success mighty difficult.

The lad who is a gentleman will always respect the rights of others. He will check an angry word or hasty action because he does not want to offend another. He has developed self control, and has confidence in his strength and manliness so that he can not act any other way than as a gentleman.

It is an excellent idea to observe the conduct of those one admires, be they young or old. Why are they held in such esteem? Because they are gentlemen. They unfailingly show good will towards others. They make life easier and pleasanter for everyone.

Real courtesy is not merely a surface shine. It goes deep into one's heart and conscience. It involves thinking of opportunities to be of service to others, to be kind to others, or in short, to have the attributes of real sportsmen and gentlemen.

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weather the remainder of the service was held in the chapel. Psalms loved by all were read, and hymns dedicated to the day sung. Prayers, the salute to our Flag

led by Howard Murphy, and Taps, played by William Dickens and Robert Hanes, concluded the service.

Parents Council Attends Smorgasbord

The Parents Council, which was organized early this spring, has made a good start in promoting a close, warm spirit of cooperation between the parents, administrative, academic and general staffs of the School. This fine start presages a grand year for the Council when school reopens in September. All of the parents are invited and urged to become active members of the Council.

A smorgasbord was tendered the boys and their parents by the School on June 3. It was planned to have this event held at a picnic area on the beach, but the weather made it necessary to hold the party indoors. The dining room in Bowditch was utilized. Mr. Pearl welcomed the group, and Mr. Ficks, President of the Council, spoke briefly stressing the purposes of the Council.

A varied and tasty menu was prepared by our chef, Mr. Cox, and his staff and served under the direction of our dining room supervisor, Mr. Evans. Two hundred enjoyed a fine meal, served in a happy, informal style. The menu included roast turkey, Virginia ham, baked beans, Swedish meat cakes, seafood newburg, and assorted cold cuts served with salads and relishes. There were six desserts, including the ever popular apple pie and ice cream.

Following dinner our guests enjoyed themselves informally. A movie was shown as an entertainment feature. The party will be remembered as a very pleasant occasion, and an excellent way to round out the school year.

The Band Scores Another Triumph

On Memorial Day, while the boys at the school were holding services, our Band was taking an important part in the holiday observance held by four veterans organizations, headed by the Old Dorchester Post of the American Legion. The weather, unfortunately, was miserable; yet the complete parade and cemetery service was held as scheduled. The principal memorial service honoring the dead of our Nation's wars was held at the Cedar Grove Cemetery, the orator being the Hon. Patrick J. McDonough.

Following the parade the Band enjoyed dinner in the Post Hall. There were 125 present at the dinner, including Mayor Hynes, several members of the General Court, members of the Governor's Council, members of the Boston School Committee, and many others who hold important posts in our city and state government structure. Mayor Hynes was the speaker at the Dinner, and gave a masterful oration on our hopes for the future, made possible by those who have given their lives that we may continue to enjoy the glorious benefits of American democracy.

It was a fine experience for our Band and we met many important personages, all of whom spoke highly of the Band, and of our Thompson's Island school.

Student Council Dance

The Student Council, under the direction of its president, Steven R. Wellington, held a dance on the evening of May 25. Music was furnished by William R. Reeves, '26, and his orchestra. The boys invited their girl friends, and some of the parents acted as chaperons. The assembly hall was gaily decorated. Plans were carefully made for the dance, and the Council did a grand job in running a fine party with a minimum of adult supervision. The committee appreciates very much the help of staff members, and, of course, the music of Mr. Reeves.

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Alumni Field Day

The annual alumni field day was held at the School on June 9. The inclement weather forced most of the activities indoors, yet the 200 present enjoyed a happy time of fellowship. An excellent lunch, served by our chef, Mr. Cox, and his boys, was served in the gymnasium. The ability of the Band received praise. Games and stunts for the school boys were held, and this "picnic track meet" was a big feature.

Bob Emery Program

The school "went on television" on June 8, at the invitation of C. Robbins Emery, '12, famed "Big Brother" of radio and television. Mr. Emery interviewed Mr. Pearl and Mr. Albee relative to the new expanded educational program at F. T. S., and a twelve minute movie of the School was shown. We appreciate Mr. Emery's help in arranging this program on WBZ-TV. The response to our television story was gratifying.

Reminiscences

By Algine B. Steele, '95

Sixty years may seem like a very long time to you boys on Thompson's Island. To us old timers it is merely a span of years. When one remembers that our School is 142 years old the thought comes to us that we are part of a venerable educational institution, in its own way as famous as any of the old New England schools, Certainly none has done a more important work than our own Farm and Trades School.

I began writing about "sixty years." That is when I went to school on Thompson's Island, for I graduated in 1895. I have heard of the newly organized fire company you now have, with its student officers. The installation of modern fire fighting equipment is a very wise move indeed; although it must be almost a nervous shock when one hears that new electric fire siren! Let us hope it may never be used except for fire drills!

In my time our fire fighting equipment was quite primitive, because we had no "city water." We depended entirely on wells and rain water cisterns for our water supply. We had 100 pupils, the staff, and cattle, horses, oxen and other farm animals. We needed and used much water. It certainly was a problem to insure this water supply, and much anxiety was felt, particularly as the hazard of fire was ever present, as we used kerosene lamps and coal burning stoves.

Our fire fighting equipment consisted entirely of buckets of water labelled "For Fire Only," and placed in strategic places. We negotiated for some time, and eventually the "Cochituate Water System" was installed. This was a great thing for the School, as you may well imagine. In short order a 100 foot reel of two inch hose, with nozzle attached, was connected to the stand-pipe of the water supply. In case fire should come we felt that we had some protection. It was due to close supervision and careful fire-prevention teaching that a calamity did not strike us.

MERTON P. ELLIS, '97, has been re-nominated as a member of the City of Boston Board of Appeals, and has been made Chairman of the Board. The nomination of Mr. Ellis was also submitted by the Building Trades Employers' Association and the Associated General Contractors of Massachusettes.

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THE FARM AND TRADES SCHOOL BECOMES THOMPSON ACADEMY

For some time there has been considerable thought given to changing the name of our School because it was apparent that a new name was needed to more aptly state the purpose of our work. When, just a year ago, the Trustees decided to broaden the educational program here to include the full four years of high school, a committee of Trustees was appointed to study the advisability of changing the name of the School, and to make suggestions for the approval of the full Board.

This committee, composed of Ralph B. Williams, Myron A. Pratt, and Calvin P. Bartlett, thoroughly explored changing the name from every possible angle. The final recommendations were made in June of this year, and by vote of the Board of Trustees, The Farm and Trades School became Thompson Academy, effective July 5, 1956.

Whereas the old name, which we shall always cherish in fond memory, indicated that farming and trades were the primary subjects taught, the new name instantly conveys the thought of an academy where students are fully prepared for further education in college, or given a sound terminal training. Actually we have stressed neither a farm or trades program for many years. Our graduates have been leaving us after completing the tenth grade and continuing their education elsewhere, with the result that many New England colleges have graduated men who received their educational impetus at Thompson's Island.

Without dwelling at length on the swiftly changing trends in Education, let us say that we have simply resolved to teach our boys how to live, rather than how to make a living.

We feel sure that friends of our School will heartily approve our decision to adopt the name THOMPSON ACADEMY. The name is derived from David Thompson, a man of sterling worth and a noted attorney, whose life was devoted to seeking the ultimate in citizenship. A God-fearing man, he devoted his interests wholeheartedly to his Church and to his Country. May the spirit of this intrepid Scotsman, who was the first white man to settle on Thompson's Island, pervade the life of every student who proudly bears the stamp of Thompson Academy.

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Editorial on Our Work Program

Dr. Karl C. Garrison, Professor of Education at the University of Georgia, has written a thought provoking article dealing with the problems of the late adolescent period. In one section of his discourse Dr. Garrison points out that in our modern culture our young people have lost much of the value of work experience, due to the loss of many work opportunities because of labor saving devices in the home and elsewhere. He points out the great value of work experience as a part of every individual's preparation for life. Few schools, he says, have adequately solved this problem of providing manual labor as a part of the education of today's youth.

We believe that the work program as followed at Thompson Academy is of inestimable value in preparing our students for success in life. Norman Greene, of Huntington School, has praised our program as one which "places your boys two or three years ahead of the average youngster of the same age."

Our boys spend two hours every school day at work in one of the many departments of the academy as part of their integral training. A visitor may thus meet boys at work on one of the school boats, or in the dairy, or in the shops. Our athletic fields, tennis court, lawns and garden areas are maintained largely through student help. The younger lads may do no more than sweep a dormitory corridor, while the older boys may be at work on a difficult job of landscaping, yet who can deny the importance of either of these jobs? Certainly one of the greatest joys in life, it seems to us, is accomplishing something worth while, doing a job successfully, always to the best of our ability.

We are proud of our work program. It is a valuable feature and certainly helps

provide a well rounded training. It aids in keeping our school costs at a moderate figure, and gives each pupil a direct sense of participation in the operation of the academy. Above all, it teaches a healthy respect for manual labor, without which no life is complete.

A News Release

A news release relative to our change in name was mailed to 350 New England newspapers, with two main thoughts in mind,—that the editors would print all or part of the text and file the release for reference. The radio stations were also alerted to our change in name. The result was that many of the papers gave good coverage, and the radio stations were especially kind in broadcasting the name change. On television "Big Brother" Bob Emery, '12, was as always most cooperative. We are very grateful to the press, radio and many alumni and other friends who helped spread the word of our new name.

Following is the text of the news release, which was prepared in the office of the Academy president, Mr. Calvin Page Bartlett. It gives a picture of our current thinking, and our plans for the new academic year.

"Boston, Mass., July 5. The Officers and Trustees of The Farm and Trades School announced today that with the authority of the Massachusetts Commissioner of Corporations, the School has adopted the name *Thompson Academy*. This marks another milestone in the history of The Farm and Trades School, which was established in Boston in 1814 and has been located on Thompson's Island in Boston Harbor since 1833.

"Thompson Academy occupies a 150-acre island campus located within twenty minutes from the heart of Boston and served by regular boat facilities owned and operated by the School. The Academy has no religious, racial or political affiliations and its primary purpose is to provide a wholesome home life and education for boys who need a helping hand. Operating as a strictly non-profit organization with liberal tuition arrangements, the School over the past 142 years has served thousands of boys in their developmental years.

"Houghton D. Pearl, recently appointed Headmaster of the Academy, stated that the change of name was advisable because of certain changes in the program and philosophy of the School. The recent addition of grades 11 and 12, carrying the pupil from grade 7 through high school, makes the name "Academy" more appropriate. In addition, the present objectives of the School are not so primarily concerned with agricultural or vocational training, but, instead, strong emphasis is placed on a liberal education preparing the student for further training in college or technical school or providing a complete terminal education for boys who cannot go on to college.

"Mr. Pearl stated that in line with the new philosophy the school activities this coming fall will include track, wrestling, boxing and tennis in addition to present teams in football, basketball, and baseball. Also, to encourage wider participation in group activities, Sea Scouting, arts and crafts, dramatics and debating will be added.

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For some time there has been considerable thought given to changing the name of our School because it was apparent that a new name was needed to more aptly state the purpose of our work. When, just a year ago, the Trustees decided to broaden the educational program here to include the full four years of high school, a committee of Trustees was appointed to study the advisability of changing the name of the School, and to make suggestions for the approval of the full Board.

This committee, composed of Ralph B. Williams, Myron A. Pratt, and Calvin P. Bartlett, thoroughly explored changing the name from every possible angle. The final recommendations were made in June of this year, and by vote of the Board of Trustees, The Farm and Trades School became Thompson Academy, effective July 5, 1956.

Whereas the old name, which we shall always cherish in fond memory, indicated that farming and trades were the primary subjects taught, the new name instantly conveys the thought of an academy where students are fully prepared for further education in college, or given a sound terminal training. Actually we have stressed neither a farm or trades program for many years. Our graduates have been leaving us after completing the tenth grade and continuing their education elsewhere, with the result that many New England colleges have graduated men who received their educational impetus at Thompson's Island.

Without dwelling at length on the swiftly changing trends in Education, let us say that we have simply resolved to teach our boys how to live, rather than how to make a living.

We feel sure that friends of our School will heartily approve our decision to adopt the name THOMPSON ACADEMY. The name is derived from David Thompson, a man of sterling worth and a noted attorney, whose life was devoted to seeking the ultimate in citizenship. A God-fearing man, he devoted his interests wholeheartedly to his Church and to his Country. May the spirit of this intrepid Scotsman, who was the first white man to settle on Thompson's Island, pervade the life of every student who proudly bears the stamp of Thompson Academy.

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Editorial on Our Work Program

Dr. Karl C. Garrison, Professor of Education at the University of Georgia, has written a thought provoking article dealing with the problems of the late adolescent period. In one section of his discourse Dr. Garrison points out that in our modern culture our young people have lost much of the value of work experience, due to the loss of many work opportunities because of labor saving devices in the home and elsewhere. He points out the great value of work experience as a part of every individual's preparation for life. Few schools, he says, have adequately solved this problem of providing manual labor as a part of the education of today's youth.

We believe that the work program as followed at Thompson Academy is of inestimable value in preparing our students for success in life. Norman Greene, of Huntington School, has praised our program as one which "places your boys two or three years ahead of the average youngster of the same age."

Our boys spend two hours every school day at work in one of the many departments of the academy as part of their integral training. A visitor may thus meet boys at work on one of the school boats, or in the dairy, or in the shops. Our athletic fields, tennis court, lawns and garden areas are maintained largely through student help. The younger lads may do no more than sweep a dormitory corridor, while the older boys may be at work on a difficult job of landscaping, yet who can deny the importance of either of these jobs? Certainly one of the greatest joys in life, it seems to us, is accomplishing something worth while, doing a job successfully, always to the best of our ability.

We are proud of our work program. It is a valuable feature and certainly helps

provide a well rounded training. It aids in keeping our school costs at a moderate figure, and gives each pupil a direct sense of participation in the operation of the academy. Above all, it teaches a healthy respect for manual labor, without which no life is complete.

A News Release

A news release relative to our change in name was mailed to 350 New England newspapers, with two main thoughts in mind,—that the editors would print all or part of the text and file the release for reference. The radio stations were also alerted to our change in name. The result was that many of the papers gave good coverage, and the radio stations were especially kind in broadcasting the name change. On television "Big Brother" Bob Emery, '12, was as always most cooperative. We are very grateful to the press, radio and many alumni and other friends who helped spread the word of our new name.

Following is the text of the news release, which was prepared in the office of the Academy president, Mr. Calvin Page Bartlett. It gives a picture of our current thinking, and our plans for the new academic year.

"Boston, Mass., July 5. The Officers and Trustees of The Farm and Trades School announced today that with the authority of the Massachusetts Commissioner of Corporations, the School has adopted the name *Thompson Academy.* This marks another milestone in the history of The Farm and Trades School, which was established in Boston in 1814 and has been located on Thompson's Island in Boston Harbor since 1833.

"Thompson Academy occupies a 150-acre island campus located within twenty minutes from the heart of Boston and served by regular boat facilities owned and operated by the School. The Academy has no religious, racial or political affiliations and its primary purpose is to provide a wholesome home life and education for boys who need a helping hand. Operating as a strictly non-profit organization with liberal tuition arrangements, the School over the past 142 years has served thousands of boys in their developmental years.

"Houghton D. Pearl, recently appointed Headmaster of the Academy, stated that the change of name was advisable because of certain changes in the program and philosophy of the School. The recent addition of grades 11 and 12, carrying the pupil from grade 7 through high school, makes the name "Academy" more appropriate. In addition, the present objectives of the School are not so primarily concerned with agricultural or vocational training, but, instead, strong emphasis is placed on a liberal education preparing the student for further training in college or technical school or providing a complete terminal education for boys who cannot go on to college.

"Mr. Pearl stated that in line with the new philosophy the school activities this coming fall will include track, wrestling, boxing and tennis in addition to present teams in football, basketball, and baseball. Also, to encourage wider participation in group activities, Sea Scouting, arts and crafts, dramatics and debating will be added.

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A Reprint

The story of Thompson Academy has been briefly told in a pamphlet entitled "Thompson Academy—In Brief." The essential paragraphs in this pamphlet are reprinted in this issne of the Beacon, as we feel that our readers want to have this up-to-date information.

THOMPSON ACADEMY—IN BRIEF

Location

The School is located on the beautiful 157-acre Thompson's Island in Boston Harbor—just 15 minutes from downtown Boston.

Historical

The School first opened its doors in Boston, in 1814. In 1833 it purchased Thompson's Island, which has been its home for nearly a century and a quarter. Known until this year as The Farm and Trades School, the Academy begins its 143rd academic year in September, 1956. It is a private school, with no religious, political or racial affiliations.

Purpose

The Academy has as its primary purpose the education and development of boys coming from homes of modest means. This is a non-profit school designed to provide a full academic program geared to give boys the necessary requisites demanded for general college entrance or a complete terminal education, in a friendly, happy, home-like atmosphere.

Work Program

Each student spends at least two hours daily working in the various departments. Besides providing valuable experience, this work program gives each boy a sense of participation in the effective operation of the School.

The Alumni

The graduates assist the School in many ways, through the Alumni Association, and through personal contacts. Many of our alumni are successful in a host of fields. A keen interest is maintained in our graduates since it is fundamental with us that the Alumni are the School in every sense of the word.

Management

The management of the School is vested in a Board of Trustees numbering 26, who are professional and business leaders of Greater Boston. Included on the Board are six alumni.

Enrollment

The School welcomes any boy aged 11-15, who has advanced as far as the seventh grade, who can demonstrate average or better scholastic ability and who characterizes good potential for citizenship. The candidate must be in

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Visitors

Visitors are always welcome, and arrangements may be made by contacting the school office.

Activities

The students have a full and rich program made all the more meaningful by small group participation. An extremely complete athletic program is a noted feature. In addition, there are many cultural features including a fine band, a large chorus, forensics, dramatics, and other cultural functions. A boy scout troop, a sea scout ship, stamp club, hobby groups and other recreational clubs are well organized and carefully supervised.

Facilities

The students are comfortably housed in three modern brick dormitories, built in 1941 by funds provided largely by the Charles Hayden Foundation. The dining room and kitchen facilities are located in Bowditch House, constructed in 1939. A dispensary is maintained by the school nurse, who keeps tabs on the physical well-being of the pupils, under the direction of the Academy's consulting physician. A lounge and snack bar provide a place for informal recreation.

Enrollment Application

Application for admission may be made by contacting the Director of Admissions or the Headmaster. Each application receives personal and prompt attention.

Cost

A fee of $1000 per school year covers instruction, board, room, laundry, etc. Liberal scholarship and student assistance grants are available upon application.

Shaw Scholar Announced

BASIL T. VEGLAS has been awarded the Francis Shaw Scholarship for the academic year 1956-1957, it was recently announced by Headmaster Houghton D. Pearl. The honor goes to a member of the senior class who is an excellent student, musician, and athlete.

The Shaw Scholarship was establishod in 1936 by Miss Miriam Shaw, in memory of her father who was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Academy for 36 years. The scholarship is ample to defray a large part of the expenses of a student for the school year.

Mr. Shaw was always anxious that every Thompson's Island boy should have those teachings which would assist in making him a stalwart citizen. By instituting this scholarship as a tribute to her father, Miss Shaw has established a living monument to a great man.

We congratulate Basil Veglas on being accorded the honor of being the Shaw Scholar for this year. He joins a group of fine young men who have enjoyed the benefits of this scholarship annually for the past two decades.

Topics in Brief

School closed on June 15, and most of the boys were away for the summer. The older boys were employed on summer-time jobs in camps, hotels, restaurants and boats, where they not only paid their way but were able to earn funds for school expenses. Some of the younger boys attended summer camp. The Academy is open the year-round, and some of the boys remained with us for at least a part of the summer. For them we set up a general summer-time recreation program, with emphasis on water sports, so that they enjoyed a pleasant and happy vacation.

Our kitchen, serving room and dining room have been redecorated and minor repairs made, so that those areas in Bowditch House probably look nicer today than they did when the building was opened in 1939. A main improvement has been the installation of a new ceiling in the serving room.

We thank the Boston Traveler for featuring Thompson Academy on August 2 when a page of pictures appeared in that paper. Messrs. Trask and Dow spent some time at the Academy taking pictures of our activities, and from these a fine selection was made. We have received many congratulatory messages regarding these pictures, and are very grateful to those who made this fine publicity possible.

A cub International tractor has been purchased for the use of our groundsman. This machine has been needed for years, and is a very valuable addition to the equipment used in the maintenance of our extensive grounds areas, and in other work.

Two of the basement shower rooms in the dormitories have been remodelled so as to permit the installation of Bradley showers, a much needed improvement. These new shower facilities will be much appreciated by the boys.

When school starts the boys will be pleased to note that the single beds in their rooms have been replaced by double bunks. The double bunks add to the floor space, of course, and room cleaning is a simpler process. The single beds had just about outlived their usefulness and we believe that the double bunk beds will prove to have been a wise choice in many ways.

Over three thousand folks have visited Thompson Academy this summer, most of them being members of the many Massachusetts Bay yacht clubs. These visitors were genuinely impressed with our facilities for giving boys a broad education. We were glad that these people could be our guests, and we hope they will come again, for we welcome visitors at all times. Words and pictures tell a story well, but only a visit to the Academy can show the unusually fine set-up we have for the all-around education and development of promising boys who need a helping hand.

News of the Alumni

Class of 1931 Holds Reunion

On June 2 six members of the Class of 1931 gathered at the Maridor Restaurant, in Framingham, for a class reunion on the anniversary of their graduation 25 years ago. After a sumptuous dinner the group adjourned to the Woodland Country Club to talk over old times. The arrangements for the reunion were made by Kenneth James.

Those present were:

Karl R. Adams, now a happy grandfather, is employed as a driver by the Emmett Valley Transportation Company.

Darwin Chapdelaine is employed by the Woodland Country Club.

Ralph M. Fuller is equipment supervisor for the New England Tel. & Tel.

Kenneth James is a machine designer for the Sylvania Electric Products, Inc.

John D. MacGregor is a maintenance supervisor for one of the nation's largest dams, located in Oregon.

Willis M. Wight is a first class shipfitter at the Fore River Ship Yard.

The group was photographed at the Woodland Country Club, and a quarter century hasn't changed them much, as each is readily identified. Congratulations to them for their grand reunion.

PAUL F. SWASEY, Headmaster of the School from 1922-1926, continues to maintain touch with alumni friends. His home is in Virginia, where he is an agriculturist and teacher.

Announcement has been received of the Presentation Ceremonies for DAVID E. LONG, '22, as Grand Steward, Grand Lodge, State of New York. Dave is a member of the Long Island Lodge, F. & A. M. He has risen up the ranks of Masonry, and is most deserving of the congratulations being heaped upon him. The Ceremonies will be held at the Brooklyn Masonic Temple, Clermont and Lafayette Avenues, on September 20, 1956. Many of the Academy alumni, who are members of the Masonic fraternity, will be present to pay their tribute to Dave. The Rev. Lawrence Weston and the Rev. William A. Chamberlain will have a part in the service.

For the past twenty summers some of our young graduates have been employed on the staff of the Sandy Island Camp, Lake Winnipesaukee, New Hampshire. This camp is operated by the Boston Y. M. C. A. principally as a vacation spot for families. Five of our boys worked at Sandy this summer, namely:

William H. Dillon
Steven R. Wellington
Basil T. Veglas
Carleton G. Skinner
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Important! Save the night of Oct. 27 for the Alumni Banquet. Your secretary will mail you details soon.

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Meet Our Academic Teachers

Our Headmaster, HOUGHTON D. PEARL, teaches the senior mathematics courses. He received his Ed. M. degree from the University of Vermont, and has done advanced work at Boston University. He holds certificates from the State of Vermont for Professional Standard Teaching, High School Principal, and Public School Superintendent. Mr. Pearl has many interests, ranging from mechanics to sailing, and including athletics, for he is a former coach. He, Mrs. Pearl, and their three young sons live in Adams House.

DR. JOHN B. COOK, our Supervisor of Education, has had a lifetime of rich experience as an educator and administrator. He holds degrees from Bucknell University, University of Pittsburgh and Potomac University. A former superintendent of schools, college president and headmaster of a prominent private boys' school, Dr. Cook brings to our pupils a rich heritage. Dr. Cook is never happier than when teaching the mathematics classes. Although he has many interests, his summertime hobby is studying the baseball standings. As a former battery mate of the immortal Christy Mathewson, Dr. Cook has long maintained an interest in the national sport. He and Mrs. Cook reside in Hayden Dormitory C.

FRANKLIN BLACK teaches the high school social science classes. He is our alternate boat captain, and coaches the intramural athletic teams. A graduate of Boston University, he came to us from a teaching position at Cavendish, Vermont. His hobbies and interests are many, including music (opera), sailing and boat models. He, Mrs. Black, and their 2½ year old son Gregg reside in Hayden Dormitory A.

ARTHUR GEORGE heads our Language Department. He is a graduate of Bridgewater Teachers College and secured his early teaching experience in the public schools of Boston. His interests lie in many fields, and he is now engaged in working up enthusiasm in boy scouting, dramatics and debating. He hopes to do much in these fields, for they are important to many of our students. Substantial groundwork, particularly with the Boy Scout troop, has been accomplished.

MAURICE MCALLISTER attended Thompson Academy, class of 1947. He teaches the science courses. He did his college work at the University of Bridgeport, and is a recent graduate of that school. He is an assistant coach of the varsity football squad, and will be coaching basketball and baseball. He is a

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Religion is the most important essential in the training of youth. Character of strong fiber cannot be built without the help of God. It is true, probably, that every person has within himself some inborn religious instinct. This must be nurtured through careful, intelligent teaching. Certainly boys cannot develop moral fiber and moral character without the help of God. This help may come only through a teaching and understanding of fundamental faith and a keen knowledge of the tenets of the Bible.

Oldsters are concerned, and it seems rightly so, that youth may be led to believe that success in life depends upon an accumulation of worldly goods and pleasures. This emptiness of spirit must be guarded against. We need to remember that a constant vigilance must be kept, especially in view of present day conditions, to see that our youth develop and keep a reverent attitude of mind and that a proper evaluation be given the moral and material aspects of life.

Stalwart character can be developed only through devotion to God, and a knowledge of the great teachings of the Bible. One must have a faith to stand on, especially in the times of adversity which come to us all.

Topics in Brief

School has opened with an enrollment of 92 students, our largest in years. Registration day was September 9, and classes began on the 10th. Our teaching staff numbers seven, headed by our Supervisor of Education, Dr. John B. Cook. We have every reason to expect a banner year, and confidence in this expectation prevades the entire school.

Our three Hayden dormitories are taxed to capacity this year. The seventh and eighth graders are housed in one dormitory, with Mr. and Mrs. Black and Mr. and Mrs. Profetto. The ninth and tenth graders live in Dormitory B with Mr. and Mrs. Steves, Mr. McAllister and Mr. Margiano. The eleventh and twelfth graders occupy Dormitory C with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Dr. and Mrs. Cook.

Our band director, Major Frank L. Warren, held the first rehearsal of the Band for this school year on September 19. Our Band, the oldest school band in America, will celebrate its one hundredth birthday in 1957, and we have tentative plans for some big events for our young musicians.

Our boy scout troop and explorer scout troop have held their first meetings of the school year. We expect that interest in these activities will develop rapidly, for they represent adventure in the out-of-doors, which appeals to all boys.

Football practice has begun, and a schedule appears elsewhere in this issue. We hope that all our friends will attend the games and cheer the team to many victories. Our varsity squad we hope will number 33. There will be games for the younger lads in an intramural program, and perhaps these teams may compose a squad which will play a game or two with junior teams from other schools.

There has been installed at our boat landing, and at strategic places along the wharf and avenue, a set of lights which will insure the utmost in safety and convenience during the winter months. Our previous lighting system needed replacement, and the new arrangement of lights was installed by our maintenance supervisor, Mr. Baxter.

The annual election of officers of the Academy Stamp Club took place on September 19. Several of the new students have joined the Club, and interest runs high.

The officers elected are:

Kenneth Ford, President

Florence Cain, Vice President and Chief Custodian

Charles Dahl, Secretary

Ronald Zisk, Treasurer

Ronald Oke, Chief Appraiser

The Custodians are Raymond Strycharz, Donald Chapdelaine, and the officers of the Club.

The Board of Appraisers include Donald Oke, Michael Veglas, and three of the officers.

We are greatly indebted to the Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts for the new hymnals we are using in the chapel services. Arrangements for securing these were made by the Rev. David W. Norton, Jr. of the church of Saint Michael at Marblehead, Mass. The use of these hymnals has added to the dignity and devotion of our services.

The Board of Trustees will hold its next meeting at the Academy on October 2. The PILGRIM III will leave City Point at 11:30 a. m.

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master in Hayden Dormitory B. A native of Chester, Vermont, his chief hobbies include a wide variety of athletics, woodworking, music and dramatics.

DONALD MARGIANO is our seventh grade teacher, and is a master in Hayden Dormitory B. He is a graduate of the University of Bridgeport. An assistant coach of the varsity football squad, he no doubt will be coaching other sports as the school year moves along. His home is in Shelton, Connecticut. His hobbies and interests are mainly sports of all kinds, music and reading.

JAMES PROFETTO teaches the upper grades. He is a graduate of the University of Bridgeport, is married, and he and Mrs. Profetto reside in Hayden Dormitory A. He helps coach the intramural league football teams, and will no doubt assist in many ways with our recreational program. His hobbies include boxing, record collecting, tennis, and track. He is a native of Waltham, Mass.

News of the Alumni

Important! Save the night of Oct. 27 for the Alumni Banquet. Your secretary will mail you details soon.

Horace F. Edmands, '95

We are saddened to report the recent death of Horace F. Edmands, '95 at his home, 1421 Deane Boulevard, Racine, Wisconsin.

Mr. Edmands was a public official in Wisconsin for the past 41 years. He began this illustrious career in 1915 when he received an appointment by the state assessor of incomes. Since 1941 he has been county treasurer. During his administration he saw that hundreds of parcels of land were returned to the tax rolls. Last June he completed a revision of the plat book, a major undertaking.

During World War I he was executive of the War Relief Fund, and from 1925 to 1927 was executive secretary of the Community Chest. He was a former director of the Racine Building & Loan Association, and served as vice president of the Wisconsin Treasurers' Association.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter and son. His brother, William A. Edmands, is a resident of Weymouth. To them we express sincere condolences.

Christian Science Church funeral services were conducted, as were Masonic rites.

The "old boys" of the alumni association will be grieved to learn of the passing of Horace F. Edmands. Although he graduated over 60 years ago, he kept in touch with Thompson Academy activities, for he loved his school and maintained a continuous interest in his Thompson Island boyhood home.

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Somerville Kiwanis Meeting

Some months ago a visitor at Thompson Academy became enthused with our school to the extent that he urged a Kiwanis friend to plan a luncheon program at which time representatives of the School would be invited to speak. Thus it was, on October 25, that our Director of Admissions, Mr. Stevens, together with Mr. Albee, appeared as guest speakers at the regular weekly luncheon of the Somerville Kiwanis Club.

Richard V. Kiley, program director of the Club, introduced both speakers. Mr. Stevens told of the early history of the school, its purpose, and educational philosophy. Then he dwelt at some length on the type of student we are helping, and explained that our student body comes from such widely scattered points as Florida, Denver, Canada and New York.

The club members, numbering sixty, were then taken on a film tour of the school. Colored slides gave a good picture of the activities of the boys, the campus buildings, and the general country setting of the school. Mr. Albee described each scene as it was projected. Following the showing of pictures each of the members was given a copy of our academy leaflet, together with a reprint of the Herald column by Bill Cunningham.

The Kiwanis Club, through its president, Wilbur F. Lewis, expressed appreciation of this program. We were happy to have the opportunity to tell our story to such a fine, interested group.

We should add that programs such as this are available to your club or special group, and arrangements may be made by writing our school office.

National Guard Concert

The band boys enjoyed the concert given on October 25 at the Commonwealth Armory, by eight National Guard units. Four of these units were bands, and the other four vocal groups. The visit of our boys was arranged by our band director, Major Frank L. Warren, who is the retired 26th Division bandmaster. A program of five numbers by the 26th Infantry Band was outstanding. This band was conducted by W. Marshall Hall, '27, who has succeeded Mr. Warren as the Yankee Division bandmaster. Being an alumnus, and a former member of our school band, Mr. Hall seldom misses a Faneuil Hall concert and has been a guest conductor at most of our annual concerts given in that hall.

The huge armory presented quite a sight, as the main floor was filled with 110 tables, each seating ten guests. The concert stage and area for dancing was set up in the center of the floor. It was "Pops Concert Night," for the National Guard.

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Visitors to Thompson Academy soon discover that here we have a happy school. And perhaps this is the best thought they could have, for happiness is based upon a great many factors, all of which must be good. In a school such as ours, pupils are happy only if their daily program is composed of elements, each one in its own way contributing to successful school life.

Our friends note that Thompson Academy is a happy place because of the attitude of the boys. There is scarcely anything in this world more contagious than a smiling face, and our guests are quick to observe the genuine, happy appearance of the pupils.

The writer once knew a speaker who prefaced his talks with a smile. His audience immediately caught his friendly spirit, and he earned immediate attention. The smile was by no means an empty gesture. The speaker was naturally a happy person, who wanted others to be happy, and he knew the value of a smile.

You probably know many who do their work day after day cheerfully and happily. You know others who do the same kind of work, and perhaps do it passably well, yet look upon their lot as a form of drudgery. You may rest assured that the worker with a smile, the happy person, will meet with greater success. Nothing builds good will more than a happy spirit.

May the cultivation of a happy nature be a main part of our code of living. May we learn, early in life, that a good smile and a happy spirit are priceless ingredients which enrich our personality, and spread sunshine wherever we go.

May Thompson Academy always be a happy school! May each of us strive to do his bit to maintain our reputation as a school where happiness, the friendly spirit, and the contagious smile are dominant.

Topics in Brief

Our band boys attended the concert given by the U. S. Navy Band at Kresge Auditorium of M. I. T. on Monday, October 1. The Navy Band is one of the country's foremost musical organizations, and gave a perfectly thrilling concert, much to the pleasure and delight of a large audience, composed mostly of teenagers.

The football season has but a few weeks to go, and it has been very successful as far as our teams are concerned. The varsity has met and conquered its opponents week after week.

The intramural teams play a game each Monday. During the week Mr. Profetto and Mr. Black coach the teams and get the boys ready for the games. The boys are having a fine season.

The boys have enjoyed the weekly showing of movies on Saturdays. We are able to show excellent films, produced by the major Hollywood studios, and selected especially for use in schools.

It was the pleasure of our Sea Scout unit to act as hosts at a council regetta, held at our school on October 13. Members of the local Coast Guard unit acted as instructors and the event proved very worthwhile. In the competitive races our unit won the Golden Eagle, which our boys proudly display, for the reason that their success was unexpected in the particular race in which the emblem was won.

The first meeting of the Parents Council was held on October 7, with the president, Elmer Ficks, in the chair. This was an organizational period, and important business was transacted, including the ratification of the charter of the organization. The next meeting will be held on November 4, at which time Alfred C. Malm, the vice-president of the Board of Trustees of the Academy, will give an address, "Financial and Legal Organization of Thompson Academy."

We are very much indebted to Bill Cunningham, whose column in the Boston Herald on September 28, was devoted completely to our school. We are taking steps to see that each of our BEACON readers get a copy of this column, and we are sure that they will agree with us that it is an outstanding piece of factual reporting. Written in the style which has earned Mr. Cunningham thousands and thousands of readers, the column has attracted wide attention. We thank Mr. Cunningham for his great service to Thompson Academy.

One of the most successful group activities which we have had in the past few years is the Academy Stamp Club, which had its inauguration last year, under the direction of Mr. Kehew. There have always been stamp collectors among the boys of course, but by means of the Club, those who now enjoy this pastime are able to pursue the hobby in a more efficient way, and incidentally, have a more pleasant time at it.

A group of guidance workers from the Quincy Public Schools, headed by Mr. Phillips, visited us recently. The men and women in the party made a careful study of our school, and were much interested in our program. They were impressed with our excellent kitchen and dining room facilities, and the dormitory accommodations for the boys. It gave us pleasure to be hosts to the group, and we hope that they will return for further study of our school.

The Student Council has had several fine meetings and has worked out an admirable social calendar for the year. Hallowe'en is the opening event on the calendar, and a mass fox and hounds hunt is planned. The traditional events of the evening, with the holiday "eats" of course, will round out a pleasant time.

Twelve boys, winners of a recent room inspection contest, attended the Rodeo at Boston Garden recently. Seats for the event were given the boys by Edward Powers, of the Boston Garden management, and the boys want to thank him for his kindness.

A Christian training club has been organized this month. Membership is voluntary, and all the pupils are invited to join. After an opening organizational meeting, the group voted to adopt the name "Youth Fellowship." The following were elected to office.

Florence Cain, Leader
Richard Dey, Secretary
Alfred Watts, Treasurer
Donald Oke, Mission Director

A group of workers from The New England Trust Company visited us on September 23. They had for years been acquainted with the history and purpose of Thompson Academy, and yet had never visited the island. Mr. Allan G. Galt and his co-workers took time to visit not only our campus buildings, but also inspected our farm buildings, "taking in" the afternoon milking.

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EDWARD V. OSBERG, '22, president and General Manager of the National Polychemicals, Inc., and Mrs. Osberg, have returned from a trip to Europe. Mr. Osberg combined business with pleasure, as he had discussions with heads of the major chemical companies in England, France, and Germany. Other countries visited were Austria, Denmark, Sweden and Norway.

ALBERT E. PETERSON, '21, writes of his interest in the Thompson Academy band. As with so many of the graduates, music was extremely important to him, and he carried on, becoming a member of the 1st Corps Cadet Band, and a charter member of the DeMolay Band of Boston.

WILLIAM N. WEST, '28, has written an interesting letter from Florida, where he has made his home for several years. His favorable comments on our new program is appreciated. He lives at 149 Rutland Boulevard, West Palm Beach. This reminds us that our good alumnus, CHARLES E. NICHOLS, '07, has just recently taken up residence in West Palm Beach. His address is Box 2914, that town. Perhaps these two graduates could get together for a chat about Thompson Academy.

ROY M. DOLE, '35, keeps tabs on our football team, and we were glad to see him at Groton, when our boys defeated the Lawrence Academy JV team. Mr. Dole has been a teller at a large Boston bank for many years.

IVERS R. ALLEN, '16, we are glad to report, is recovering from an illness which has required two hospital confinements. Mr. Allen, whose address is RFD 2, Meredith, N. H., has kept a close touch and real interest in Thompson Academy since his graduation 40 years ago.

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The Alumni Banquet

The annual dinner of the Alumni Association was held at the Museum of Science, Science Park, Boston, on Saturday evening October 27. It was guest night, and more than one hundred graduates and their friends gathered for the occasion.

After a social hour, during which a tour of the Museum was enjoyed, the group gathered in Morse Auditorium, where tables for ten had been set up, Here a bountiful, tasty dinner was served.

Following the dinner, Headmaster Houghton D. Pearl spoke concerning recent happenings at the school. He and Mrs. Pearl were accorded a warm reception, for although they have been at the School for only a little more than a year, they have earned the esteem of the alumni body.

Colored slides, showing a wide range of activities at Thompson Academy were shown. These proved to be of much interest, and were a highlight of the evening.

Richard Kleber, of the Museum staff, then gave a science demonstration relating to sound. Using equipment which ranged from a bass drum to an intricate recording by tape device, he kept his audience at rapt attention as he gave his fascinating and interesting presentation,

The Dinner was a highly successful event. Although these have been annual affairs for decades, it is difficult to single out one which was more worthwhile. The alumni are certainly grateful to the Committee which arranged the party, and the Committee is in turn deeply grateful to Clyde W. Albee, '33, of the Museum staff, for his excellent cooperation.

We appreciate very much the courtesy shown our group by Director Bradford Washburn of the Museum of Science, and to the staff members who helped with the banquet.

Headmaster's Inspection

Every Saturday morning at 8:30 we have Headmaster's Inspection. Mr. Pearl visits each boy's room and gives it a grade based on cleanliness and general neatness. He often looks for personal cleanliness too. The room with the highest rating is given a prize. Sometimes it is a special meal, other times a trip to the movies in town, and there are other prizes. No one knows ahead of time just what the prize for the week will be.

Usually on Friday night we take time and get ready for the inspection. We tidy our dresser drawers, clean the wardrobes and get most of the work done. On Saturday morning we finish up by making our beds especially carefully, and sweeping and dusting. When Mr. Pearl comes we stand at attention while he inspects.

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A new student, bursting with enthusiasm, came to the writer one day recently and asked, "What can I do to become successful here?"

Now, that is quite a question, and one not to be answered quickly, nor lightly. After all, the word "success" indicates different things, according to each individual. We think it should not.

To some, the achievement of deeds which result in world-wide fame is the mark of success. In some cases this is true, but certainly not in all cases, at least in our present culture. In other words, success and fame are not synonymous. Would you say that Adolph Hitler led a successful life? As far as achieving fame, probably not one in ten thousand ever becomes known outside of his own immediate circle of friends and acquaintances.

Then, too, one does not need a conspicuous position in order to be successful. Here at the School, in our work program, every boy has a job which he does daily. We regard every job as important. To be successful in his job should be the ambition of every pupil. Perhaps the best definition of success would be the favorable termination of every project begun.

Very recently one of our older boys completed quite a job in drafting the final copy of the Charter for the Student Council. At the same time a young lad worked hard composing a short poem for his English lesson. Both were highly successful in their work. They had finished their appointed tasks well.

Although there is a strong tendency to measure success in terms of wealth, fame or even social standing, we believe it dangerous for a young man to set his sights on either of these worldly pursuits. Success, fortunately, can be earned by

the humblest of us, as well as by the most powerful.

How did we answer the lad who questioned us about success? By stating the simple truth that success is earned by doing the best we can at every appointed task. It is a happy truth that by this definition success can be achieved by our very youngest lad doing simple tasks, as well as by the older boys doing work which is far more advanced.

Topics in Brief

We have been having a fine series of Sunday evening vesper services. Among the speakers who have helped us with this service recently are the Rev. Harold K. Shelley, pastor of the Melrose Unitarian Church, Dr. John B. Cook, our supervisor of education, Ralph E. Stevens, our director of admissions, Mr. Knowles of the Boston Council Boy Scout office, and Clifton E. Albee of the school staff. The vesper services are under the direct supervision of our chaplain, Mr. Kehew, who does an inspired and grand piece of work in organizing and conducting the services.

We are building permanent, all-weather structures to house our hydrants. This will permit us to have fire hoses attached to the hydrants, ready for instant use. New hose, and additional extinguishers, have been purchased. Periodic, and a more thorough inspection of our buildings during the night time hours has been instituted. We use every means possible to promote safety in every way, and especially are we on guard against fire hazards.

We have made a few minor repairs in our gymnasium, getting the hall ready for a busy winter of basketball. Probably no room at the island has given more fun, pleasure and recreation than the Gardiner Hall gymnasium, which has seen steady, constant use since its erection 75 years ago. The hall has had an interesting, rather fascinating history, and has served as the locale for many recreational purposes.

Our waterfront facilities have been made ready for the winter. New lights have been installed, the landing stages rebuilt. the GOODHUE stored in the boat house, the sea scout ship beached, and the PILGRIM III given attention at a nearby boat yard.

The football team ended one of its best seasons on November 3, when the boys defeated the Newton High JV team. A schedule of seven games was played, and our boys were the victors in each. It was a good season, with every game being interesting and well played. Sportsmanship ranked high in each encounter. The coaching staff, headed by Ray Thomas, and the entire squad, deserve sincere congratulations for their good work in this 1956 season.

The schedule, and scores follow:

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September 28
Rivers Country Day at Brookline
Score: Thompson 27, Rivers 14

October 6
Thayer Academy JV's at T. A.
Score: Thompson 18, Thayer 6

October 13
Lawrence Academy JV's at Groton
Score: Thompson 21, Lawrence 0

October 20
Milton Academy JV's at T. A.
Score: Thompson 27, Milton 0

October 29
Cambridge Latin JV,s at T. A.
Score: Thompson 13, Cambridge 0

November 5
Matignon High JV's at T. A.
Score: Thompson 12, Matignon 0

November 10
Newton High JV's at T. A.
Score: Thompson 19, Newton 6

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Our room has won the prize three times. One time we were given a case of tonic. Another time we went to the RKO Theatre in Boston. The third time we had a special dinner served at Mr. Pearl's table. I enjoyed all the prizes very much, but the trip to the show was the best.

John S. Krzyzanowski

Mr. Malm Addresses Parents Council

Alfred C. Malm, vice president of the Board of Trustees, addressed the Parents Council at the monthly meeting of the group, held November 4. Mr. Malm, who is a former treasurer of the school, gave some facts regarding the financial structure of the school, and emphasized the continuing and growing need of financial support for the Academy, particularly as the Trustees are expanding the work of the school to include educational opportunities not deemed possible even a few short years ago. The audience of parents extended thanks to Mr. Malm for his enlightening talk. Elmer Ficks, president of the Council, directed the meeting.

The next meeting of the Council will be held at the school on December 2.

First Band Concert of Season

Major Frank L. Warren, now in his 34th year as Director of the Thompson Academy Band, is busy preparing tbe boys for the first of their 1956-1957 series of concerts. The boys will play at the New England Conservatory of Music early in December. Tbe band numbers 30, and is playing this concert at the request of the Baptist Social Union.

Alumni Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association of Thompson Academy was held at the Museum of Science, Boston, on Thursday, November 15, with President William C. Burns tn the chair.

Among several matters discussed, two were very important. First was the copy of the Association's Constitution and By-Laws, printed over 30 years ago. It was voted to republish this, adding the several amendments which have been voted from time to time over the years. A committee is at work on this project.

The second important matter discussed was the Richard Bell Fund. A committee is at work on this, and will report shortly. It seems entirely possible that this Fund may prove to be the nucleus of a Thompson Academy Scholarship Fund.

Clarence P. Hobson, '23, was chosen as the alumni nominee for membership on the Academy's Board of Trustees.

Names of officers elected follow.

Charles O. Rolfe, '15, President
George O. Poole, '27. Vice President
Clifton E. Albee, '21, Secretary
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News of the Alumni

DAVID E. HAEGER, '42, and Mrs. Haeger proudly announce the arrival of Jean Helen, on October 4, 1956. Congratulations!

ALGINE B. STEELE, '95, whose writings are well known to the readers of this paper, is a frequent correspondent. Mr. Steele, who is confined to his home at 8 Palmer Hill Ave., Reading, because of ill health, has been visited by some of the graduates. Others correspond regularly with him. He thus is able to keep in close touch with the graduates and with the school.

We are always happy to receive news of the graduates, and appreciate very much the interest of those who keep us so well informed.

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Concert Season Begins For Band

The Band played its first concert of the 1956-1957 season on Monday evening, December 3. The program was especially arranged for the 839th meeting of the Boston Baptist Social Union, and took place in George Brown Hall of the New England Conservatory of Music. Mr. Warren and the boys were welcomed by Irving Rawding, a member of the Union and a long-time friend of our band. The boys enjoyed a tasty baked ham dinner, after which our headmaster, Mr. Pearl, gave a brief talk based on the philosophy of the Academy. The band concert, which followed, consisted of favorite military band numbers, and included two novelties which were well received. The address of the evening, entitled "Human Engineering," was delivered by Dr. Wilhelm S. Frederik, lecturer at the Harvard School of Public Health.

Testimonial Banquet for Mr. Thomas

Note: The following appeared wholly or in part in Boston and Quincy papers Dec. 12.

The student body, together with alumni and faculty, gathered last night at Thompson's Island to honor Raymond Thomas upon his retirement as athletic coach of Thompson Academy, after a quarter century of service. Mr. Thomas has been appointed Dean of Boys at the island school and has already begun his new duties. At the same time the academy football squad was feted. The boys had an undefeated season, winning seven games, and were mythical champs of their class.

Clifton E. Albee, toastmaster and representing the Alumni Association, related anecdotes regarding the early teams to represent the school on the athletic field. In football only one game was played in each of the years 1931, 1932 and 1933. In 1934, with the help of Boston schoolboy sports writers, a full schedule was arranged. Since then the island teams have annually built fine records. Stephen J. Zevitas, captain of the undefeated 1947 team, and Bruce A. Graham, captain of the undefeated 1952 team, gave accounts of those teams.

The alumni speakers in a group then presented Coach Thomas, on behalf of his "Old Boys," a gold football upon which was engraved in part "To Ray Thomas in appreciation of 25 years of teaching good spostsmanship." Cocaptains of the 1956 team, Loren Cain and John Lennon, followed with a presentation to Mr. Thomas of a handsome silver trophy, suitably engraved, as a memento from this year's eleven. Mrs. Thomas was remembered with a lovely bouquet.

The ceremonies, which followed a

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Graduation from high school is but a few short months away for thousands of the Nation's youth. In these times there are many vital, important decisions tor these young people to make. Right now they are taking tests of one kind or another, being interviewed by representatives of the armed forces, meeting admission officers of colleges and universities and in general preparing to make serious, far-reaching decisions which not too many years ago could be deferred at least for a time.

Young people ought not become discouraged. Of course there are two sides of the picture to face. It is sadly true that this is an age when there are decided threats being made upon our democratic way of life, which leads to a feeling of general insecurity. It is an age when moral stamina is really being put to the test.

But what of the other side of the picture? Business leaders state frankly that the world will make more progress in the next few decades than has been made in the past 500 years. Men who know, state frankly that the time is coming when there will be more jobs than there will be men to fill them. Even today women are at work in positions formerly filled by men. There is no doubt that America offers its young people almost unbelievable opportunities if they will properly prepare themselves in mind, body, and soul.

Today's young people are no doubt penalized by the easy way of life. The many electric and mechanical appliances have eliminated the "chores" of their parents' youth. The obstacles which were faced and overcome a generation or two ago are not met in these days of push button living. Yet this is not the fault of the young people. Rather these conditions should be made an asset and a challenge—

that of raising still further our presumably high mode of living.

It is not enough to decide to simply do a good job. A young man ought to do the best *thing* he can do. Shoot for the stars! Yet remember that it isn't the white collar which denotes a man's ability, but rather what is above it. America is a land of limitless opportunities for the young fellow who will study hard, work hard, and learn early that there is no short cut to success.

Joint Meeting of Pilgrim Fellowship

The Pilgrim Fellowship group of our School enjoyed a very pleasant evening as guests of the Pilgrim Fellowship of the Pilgrim Congregational Church of Dorchester, on Sunday December 2. It took but a few minutes for both groups to become acquainted, after which supper was served, the waiters being members of the Junior group.

Following supper a short devotional service was held, after which a religious motion picture was shown. Then a series of games was enjoyed. The entertainment was in charge of Carl Howard, a theological student at Boston University, who heads the young peoples' work at the church.

Those who attended the meeting certainly had a fine time. Our group included:

Florence Cain, the Leader of the Fellowship; Richard Dey, the Secretary; Alfred Watts, the Treasurer; Dale Aiken, William Cain, Kenneth Ford, Hawthorne Burnham, David Ficks. Carleton Skinner and Loren Cain.

Topics in Brief

The Public Landing at City Point was damaged by the storm of Thanksgiving Day, and for four weeks our docking facilities were impaired. At times we used the landing at Northern Avenue, which is inconvenient for us. The City Point dock has been repaired and is again in use, so that we are now able to operate normal boating service.

All except a very few of the boys were home for the Thanksgiving recess. Those who remained at the school enjoyed a bountiful roast turkey dinner, with all the fixings, in traditional holiday style. The holiday entertainment centered around basketball, movies, and television viewing.

Steel book lockers have been purchased and placed in our classrooms. These lockers will prove, we feel, convenient for the boys' use as a depository for their textbooks, and will represent a saving on the wear and tear of the books, which heretofore the boys have kept in various places.

The football season ended with a gala banquet being tendered the boys on Dec. 11. Basketball practice for the varsity has already begun. Our boys will have full opportunity to play this most popular of indoor games, the older ones in interscholastic competition and the others in a very fine intramural program.

The boys in the Band appreciate very much the gift of music and musical equipment made them by E. J. LaRue, one of Boston's top band conductors. Thank you very much, Mr. LaRue.

We have added five Holsteins to our herd in order to bolster our milk supply. The herd is predominantly Guernsey, and we have thirty head of this breed, all pure bred stock.

Our English department hopes to produce a series of one act plays and Mr. George will begin rehearsals soon. Who can tell but what this may be but a start towards a full fledged drama workshop, a field of much interest to many of our boys.

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steak dinner, were publicly announced as a tribute to the football squad and the honors paid came as a total surprise to Mr. Thomas.

Speakers included Bill Lannon, coach and referee, who has followed the fortunes of the Thompson's Island boys over the years; Dr. Roger Walsh, schoolmaster and coach, who officiated at the first interscholastic game ever played on Thompson's Island in modern times; and Dr. John B. Cook, supervisor of education at the Academy, who in his younger days was a battery mate of the immortal Christy Mathewson while both were students at Bucknell.

Jeweled mementoes, a gift from Jack Hobson, '27, were presented each member of the squad. Headmaster Houghton D. Pearl awarded the football certificates. Assistant coaches Maurice McAllister and Donald Margiano presented the football letters.

The members of the squad:

Thomas Angelos	Paul Johnston
Gerald Briggs	Philip Johnston
Loren Cain	William James
William Cain	John Kryzanowski
Earl Chamberlain	John Lennon
John Cronin	Harold McAnney
Thomas Cronin	George McPeek
Robert Crossman	Howard Murphy
Albert Ellis	Stanton Pearson
David Ficks	Donald Taylor
Barry Fuller	Basil Velas
Robert Grignon	Steven Wellington
Walter Grignon	Michael Williams
John Harris	John Wooddell

News of the Alumni

CLARENCE P. HOBSON, '25, studied at Mechanics Arts High School and at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has done very well in the field of Mechanical Engineering, and is presently employed by the Jackson & Moreland, Inc., of Boston, as a Power Plant Designer. He has two children, Betty, a nurse, and Lt. J. G., stationed in the San Diego Naval Hospital. His son, Clarence David, is a Sophomore at Weymouth High School. Like his father, Clarence is a fine trombonist. Mrs. Hobson is a teacher in the Weymouth school system.

Mr. Hobson is deeply interested in Masonry. He has been Master of his Lodge, and in 1957 will be Monarch of Taleb Grotto, of Quincy.

He has several hobbies, chief among them being his home workshop where he carries along the training he received here in sloyd. The Hobsons live at 67 Aster Circle, Weymouth, Mass.

JACK HOBSON, '27, heads his own concern, manufacturing jewelers, at North Attleboro, Massachusetts. Through his interest, our football squad received minature gold footballs commemorating the 1956 season. He had hoped to be present at the banquet on December 11, but the Christmas season is simply too busy a time for him to take a holiday. In June he will have reached the 30th milestone of his graduation from Thompson Academy. As he says, he was a little late starting a family, but it was worth it, for he has a lovely home and is especially proud of the achievements of his eight year old son. Like so many of the older grads, FTS is nostalgic, but he likes the name Thompson Academy, and is happy that the school is moving ahead. He is devoted to his Alma Mater, and is thoroughly interested in knowing of the changes the school is making. The Hobsons live at 31 Power Street, Norton, Mass.

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Vermont Radio Publicity

Our headmaster, Mr. Pearl, had opportunity to tell the story of Thompson Academy over four radio stations in Vermont during the Christmas recess. The program, a long established popular weekly production, is conducted by Mr. Pearl's mother. It was a fine thing for us to be able to reach this large Vermont audience, and we appeciate the opportunity made possible by Mrs. Pearl. We have a tape recording of the broadcast and hope to give our friends opportunity to hear it at a future Parent's Meeting and at other times.

The Christmas Party

Christmas at Thompson's Island has always been a time of great joy, and our ninety-odd boys had a fine time this year. The climax was reached on December 20, when the annual school party was held. All of the boys assembled in Chapel, and under the direction of Mr. Thomas, a holiday observance was enjoyed which will be long remembered. There were gifts for everyone, and Santa with his three assistants had a busy time distributing the many presents. After this part of the party was completed, refreshments were enjoyed and a special "Thank you" was given our kitchen staff for the tasty cake, cookies, punch and ice cream which were served. After a short intermission a technicolor movie, provided by Mrs. Arthur Adams was shown. This picture was a product of a major Hollywood studio and thoroughly enjoyed. When the boys left for home and vacation on the following morning they took with them the lasting memory of a wonderful Christmas party held in the hallowed hall which has been the setting of similar events for well over a century.

The Founding of Thompson Academy

Our school is now in its 143rd year, and with such a long history there is bound to be some confusion as to the bona-fide founding of the Academy. Legends are apt to spring into being which are not entirely factual.

Actually, in 1813, Benjamin Greene, William Phillips, James Lloyd, William Sullivan, and Samuel H. Walley, became concerned over the plight of many very young boys in Boston who were without reasonable adult supervision. They decided to make a place for these lads, and after several meetings and the securing of community support, they were granted an Act of Incorporation by the General Court of the Commonwealth, the Act being passed by the House on Feb. 23, 1814 and by the Senate on Feb. 24, 1814. The Act permitted these men the right to institute a school, which ultimately has

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The greatest need of the world to-day is the rebuilding of the Christian spirit of service, the basic development plan at our home school. Why not help a fine, worthy boy achieve his goal by making a financial contribution to America's best investment?

Appearance

Since time immemorial young people, and boys especially, have had to learn an important lesson in the manner of appearance. They are judged not so much by what they are, but rather on how they look. The matter of dress is of such importance that they cannot afford to ignore it.

Parents purchasing clothing for children do so with a sense of taste. But when boys first begin to buy their own clothing, with their tastes unfixed, they face the danger of going to extremes. In any group of young people one often notes a few dressed in such a manner as to almost bring ridicule. Seldom will one find an adult attired in such fashion; he long ago learned the value of the impression which he creates by the clothes he wears.

Young people ought to value more the lessons which they can learn by simple observation. It takes no great effort to see that successful men dress quietly, and with good taste. Those who are less sure of their stature often bolster their self esteem by conspicuous attire. Yes, indeed, a pretty accurate indication of a man's character may be determined by his dress.

We read in the papers of young people being sent home from school because of their clothing. We are thoroughly in favor of such action. No one can dispute the fact that a teacher, and later on, an employer, has an inner consciousness that a young fellow who dresses in good taste is more worthy of respect and confidence than one who does not.

It is the intelligent young fellow who learns early in life the value of good appearance and sensible dress.

"Clothes make the man" is a quotation which certainly speaks volumes. Young people especially should take heed.

Topics in Brief

We sadly announce the death of John Gregorio, who came to us last September as our boat captain. He was taken ill at home, during the Christmas vacation, and death came at the Boston City Hospital on January 16. We knew Mr. Fisher as a thinking Christian, and a good husband and father. We extend sympathies to Mrs. Fisher and the children.

Our sincere congratulations are extended Clarence P. Hobson, of the class of 1925, upon his installation as Monarch of the Taleb Grotto, of Quincy, on January 17. Mr. Hobson has long been interested in Masonic work, and the honor bestowed upon him is richly deserved.

Christmas vacation began on December 21 and classes resumed on January 3. Most of the boys were home for the entire period, and all of them were away for at least part of the time.

A gala Christmas party was held in the school chapel on the evening of December 20. The boys had previously selected names by lot, and the presenting of gifts was a merry scene. Everyone was well remembered by Santa Claus whose part at this party was enacted by Mr. Albee. Following the tree program tasty refreshments were served, and the holiday cake, prepared by Mr. Cox and his staff, was a joy to behold.

The week of January 14 will be recalled as a period of very cold weather, the thermometer dropping to minus 13 degrees at one time. Dorchester bay was well on its way to freezing solidly when the always welcome January thaw set in and relieved us of many worries, at least temporaily, as far as extreme cold weather was concerned.

All of us at Thompson's Island take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Arthur Adams for providing a Christmas entertainment of a wonderful technicolor moving picture. Mrs. Adams has continued this annual gift, instituted many many years ago by her husband, Arthur Adams, whose loyalty and devotion to the school was a symbol of inspiration. Mr. Adams was for many years treasurer and president of the Board of Trustees.

Basketball will be occupying the center of interest for the next several weeks. This youngest of the major sports has become thoroughly popular with our boys, and ten teams will play a total of some sixty games before the season draws to a close. The varsity and junior varsity teams, as well as the Sears League and the Nut League teams, have already commenced their tourney play.

Our hearts were warmed by a deluge of Christmas good wishes received from alumni, former students, trustees and other friends of the academy. We truly appreciate these remembrances, and it is a fine thing to know that our friends are thinking of us at such a busy season. Thank you one and all for your friendly greetings.

We hope that our readers read the very fine article by Rudolph Elie, which appeared on the editorial page of the Boston Herald on January 9. The article, which emphasized the school band, was surprisingly complete and factual, and was a fine tribute to our school and band. Thank you, Mr. Elie.

Our paint shop crew has accomplished a great deal during this winter season. Many of the rooms in the main building have been redecorated, and many minor repairs made. The Hayden dormitories have been given some attention also.

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become Thompson Academy.

For their purpose the Governor Phipps mansion, at the corner of Salem and Charter Streets in Boston, was purchased. This building was thus the first home of Thompson Academy. Pupils were accepted at the age of four, and the facilities of the Boston public schools were utilized for their instruction. When the boys became old enough, at the age of twelve or thereabouts, they were apprenticed to tradesmen, sea captains, farmers, bankers and businessmen, all of whom passed the careful scrutiny of town clergy and selectmen. This apprentice system was largely used in those days by families in all walks of life, and was the most efficient manner of enabling a boy to become skilled in the field of his choice.

The first home of the school had accommodations for approximately fifty boys. They helped with the housework in the school building, keeping the large playground in shape, and did some work in the school garden. Some of the boys were taught to knit and spin, which indicates that they may have produced for themselves small articles of wearing apparel. The regulations of the school were very few, six in number, and dealt with church attendance, individual religious instruction, daily chores, clothing, food, and medical aid.

In our next issue we will continue with this historical summary.

News of the Alumni

With this issue we welcome several new alumni readers, and hope they enjoy the paper. Comments are always gladly received, and news of the alumni is appreciated.

THEODORE L. JONES, '50, after a hitch in the air force, is back at Northeastern. In addition to taking a rather heavy collegiate course, he is working part time, and thus his visits here have been infrequent of late. He lives at 128 Hillside Road, Watertown, Mass.

GEORGE O. POOLE, '27, class secretary, has lost track of Thomas A. Hall, the only member of the class who is not on Mr. Poole's mailing list. If "Gus" Hall reads this, will he drop a line to his class secretary at 5 James Terrace, Woburn, Mass.

JOHN P. RICHARDSON, '52 is a student at the University of Massachusetts. He recently won first prize for an exhibit of a colonial homestead, and the University paper had a nice picture of his work. It was a fine job, and the commendation he received was richly deserved.

FRANCIS D. MCAULIFFE, '36, has been for some time official court stenographer for the Superior Court of Middlesex County. He keeps in close touch with alumni happenings. His home address is 70 Tufts Street, Arlington, Mass.

EDWARD J. DARR, of the Darr trio, is the only "fit" member at the present time, his two brothers being treated for sickness. Thomas is at home practically recovered, and Harold has a fractured hand in a cast. Eddie is planning to carve a career for himself in the Air Force. He is presently based near home, and is an I. B. M. machine operator. The Darr's live at 192 South Main Street, Freeport, Long Island, N. Y.

A meeting of the Bell Fund Committee will be held soon. Will members make every effort to be present?

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Mr. Bartlett Addresses Parents Council

Calvin Page Bartlett, president of the Board of Trustees, addressed the Parents Council on February 3. He was introduced by Mr. Pearl.

Mr. Bartlett spoke of the long history of the school, 143 years to be exact. He cited the members of the Board of Trustees for their devotion and deep interest in the Academy. He praised the Parents Council for the help which they give all boys at Thompson Academy,

The Academy has one purpose, Mr. Bartlett stated, and that is to serve sound, promising ambitious boys, who can best profit from the school's educational opportunities.

Mr. Bartlett gave a picture of the financial program of the Academy. He spoke of a proposed building program, and emphasized that it was quite possible that construction of new facilities at the island might be undertaken in the not too distant future.

Mr. Bartlett's address was appreciated very much by the parents, many of whom took opportunity to speak with him after the meeting.

Mrs. Kirk Walker

Occasionally we meet older alumni who speak of instructors who served our boys in their time. Invariably "Miss Nichols" is named. She was our dietitian for 25 years, and shortly after her retirement from this work married Kirk Walker, of Hyde Park. Mr. Walker, who has since passed on, visited the school many times at alumni gatherings, and was impressed with the warm welcome his wife received from her "boys." No one ever learned to call her any name except "Miss Nichols," at these events, and we recall the many times Mr. Walker remarked that he was visiting with "Miss Nichols." Mrs. Walker has since passed on to join her husband, but her warm, kind spirit remains alive in the hearts of her "boys," whose careers she helped mold for a quarter century.

The Founding of Thompson Academy

Part 2

In our last issue we named the men who founded Thompson Academy and told of the first home of the school, in Boston.

The Boston building at Salem and Charter Streets was filled to capacity, and as the years went on it became evident that many problems must be faced. To begin with, the building needed repairs, and it was not large enough to accommodate all those who sought admission. Important also was the fact that additional funds would need to be forthcoming.

In addition to the original founders other men stepped forward to serve on

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the Board and help solve these problems. Gardiner Greene, Joseph Austin, Jonathan Chapman, Jr. and W. J. Loring served as officers. Francis Parkman, Abbot Lawrence, James Bowdoin, James Merrill, William Appleton, Edward Reynolds, E. H. Robbins, and Thomas B. Curtis were among those who served as trustees.

The permanent fund of the school was built in an interesting manner. Upon the payment of one hundred dollars a life membership in the school's patron society was granted. $10,000 was raised in this way. Additional donations of $17,000 were received, including gifts of three dollars each annually from more than seven hundred friends. The list of these early benefactors includes many of the old, familiar Boston family names. Groups also enjoyed making contributions, for we find gifts from the Park Street Singing Society, French Opera Company, Society of Ladies, Harmonic Society, Social Fire Society, Dorcas Society, Astronomical Lecture receipts, and others.

In 1832 the school had been in operation eighteen years, had paid its bills, and had in addition to the school building, $30,000 invested in the permanent fund. But the building needed extensive repairs. Expenses had mounted and the Trustees viewed their school's financial structure with real concern.

A significant event then took place. Under the leadership of the Hon. Charles Jackson a group of men met in the Tremont Bank, in Boston, to see if "a school in the country to provide a good physical and moral education for orphans, half orphans and children of the helpless," could not be instituted. The plan was to provide for boys aged seven to fourteen. Thompson Academy, now well established, took very young boys, beginning

with the age of four; its directors felt that it could not care for boys who would reach the age of fourteen as the Committee for the proposed new school wished. James Bowdoin, a trustee of Thompson Academy, was a charter member of the Committee desiring to institute the new school, and was thus an important liaison between the two groups.

We will continue this historical summary in our next issue.

The Hobby Shop

One of the rooms near the Snack Bar has been set aside for a Hobby Shop. There are four departments: the model department, the jewelry department, the leather department, and the stamp department.

The model department is in charge of Dale Aiken. Here may be bought model planes, cars and boats for assembly and the various things necessary such as "dope" for coloring, model cement and X-acto knives. Some of the boys have done very fine work. Alan Frazier has built a boat with a motor that runs with batteries.

The jewelry department is in charge of Rexford Browne. Here costume jewelry is made by Rex and his assistant Ronald Oke. Pins, necklaces, ear rings, rings and bracelets are made for the ladies and tie clasps, rings and cuff links for the men. The jewelry is indeed beautiful and sells for a reasonable price. Our visiting parents and friends are the main purchasers.

The stamp department is under the direction of Kenneth Ford, the president of the Academy Stamp Club. Here the members of the club meet to swap stamps and talk over matters of philatelic interest.

The leather department under the direction of Donald Maciel has very recently been started. Leather wallets and purses are in process. Belts and other articles will be added later. Two of our newest boys, Donald Corliss and Donald Maciel, have previously done leather work and should be of considerable assistance in the department.

Topics in Brief

Our Pilgrim Fellowship group had a fine, inspirational time at the Park Street Church in Boston on February 10 when they united with other young peoples' groups in a special service, and afterwards attended the Sunday evening service of the church. Dr. Ockenga had a fine message for the occasion.

The Parents Council held a fine meeting on February 3. Mrs. Agnes Angelos acted as chairman, in the absence of President Ficks, who was confined to his home because of illness. The next meeting will take place on March 3, with Lawrence Terry, Headmaster of Middlesex School as speaker.

The basketball season has been one of much interest. The varsity is having one of its better seasons, and the competition in the Sears League and Nut League has kept these intramural groups much concerned. Nearly every boy is playing the game under the supervision of four faculty members.

The grove between the avenues is being cleared of a few dead trees, and other work is being done. Our athletic field has been given its annual treatment of fertilizer. Continual care, and plenty of work, is required to keep our extensive campus in beautiful condition.

Last spring we purchased an International Cub tractor, and the occasion was almost a celebration, for the company sent photographers and other publicity

agents to get a full account of their machine being transported by barge to the school and of its subsequent use. It has proved an invaluable aid to our grounds crew, and is used on innumerable jobs. This winter we had three weeks of heavy snowfall, and, with the plow attachments. the "cub" kept well ahead of the storms, keeping our walks and avenues well plowed.

We enjoy receiving the sea scout paper "Now Hear This" published monthly and mailed us by John Barry II, who has long been interested in sea scouting. The last issue noted the fact that our unit has received a 38 foot picket boat, in excellent condition. Our sea scout boys are proud of their new ship, and frequently the City Point trip is made in our new boat.

Many of the boys are using their leisure time to excellent advantage by making a variety of articles in our sloyd room. We wish that our readers could see the cedar chests which are being fashioned there, along with many other excellent articles of woodwork.

News of the Alumni

Congratulations to the hosts! Guyon William paid his first visit (all 6 lbs. of him) to them on December 24, 1956. The perfect Christmas present! Richard J. Nelson, '40, and Mrs. Nelson, whose home is at 13 Hillcrest Place, North Caldwell, New Jersey, are the lucky parents.

We salute GEORGE W. BERRY, '83, who played with our band in the late 1870's. He has always retained a deep interest in Thompson's Island, and we were happy to hear from him recently, for he is one of our older graduates. He lives at 21 East Main St., Merrimac, Mass.

It gives us pleasure indeed to announce the marriage of Richard E. Duquet, '46, to Ann Terhume Doyle, on September 22, 1956, at Saint Andrews Chapel, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. We surely trust that the happy couple will plan a visit very soon to the school, where we may offer congratulations in person.

Robert O. Cain, '53, appears to have almost completed his duty in Hawaii with the U. S. Navy. When his enlistment is up he plans to study for the ministry, for which he feels definitely called. We thank him for his cards and notes and hope a visit here is among his plans as soon as he returns stateside.

JOSEPH C. TURNER, JR., '53, was married September 14, 1956 at the Naval Air Base Chapel, Glenview, Illinois, to Ruth Diane Turner. We extend congratulations to the happy couple.

After completing one year of college work Joe enlisted for three years active duty with the Naval Reserve, after which service he plans to complete his college course. The Turners' home is at 3511 Anchorage Court, Glenview, Illnois.

MALCOLM E. CAMERON, '19, for many years was in the entertainment field. He then entered the contracting business in Sandown, N. H. in which he has earned for himself a solid footing. He does some entertaining today, although strictly on a part time basis. His son Malcolm, Jr., is attending Sanborn Seminary.

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Mr. Terry Addresses Parents Council

At a meeting March 3 of the Parents Council the members were singularly fortunate in having a thought-provoking talk by Lawrence Terry, Headmaster of the Middlesex School in Concord. Mr. Terry discussed in a pleasant, informal manner many of the problems which beset parents, students and educators today. Elmer Ficks, President of the Council, voiced the thoughts of everyone when he thanked Mr. Terry for his address, adding that it was one from which he was sure every parent received both inspiration and instruction. After his address, Mr. Terry talked with many of the parents and answered pertinent questions. It was surely a fine meeting.

Mr. Terry, who has been a member of our Board of Trustees for several years, was introduced by Mr. Pearl. Later in the day Mr. Terry visited many of the departments of the Academy, meeting several staff members and discussing situations which are common in most boarding schools.

The members of the Parents Council, as well as the school staff, appreciate very much Mr. Terry's kindness in taking time from a busy schedule to be with us.

The next meeting of the Parents Council will be held on March 31, when the program will be given by the students. It is hoped that a banner attendance will be present for what promises to be a most interesting meeting.

The Founding of Thompson Academy

Part 3

In the first of three articles covering this subject we discussed the beginning of our school in Boston, and in the second article told of a group formed to help boys two or three years older than those served by Thompson Academy as it was first established.

This second group, headed by the Hon. Charles Jackson, lost little time in going ahead with plans for a new school for older boys. On January 27, 1832 a fund raising campaign was started and soon $23,000 was raised. Thompson's Island was purchased as the home of the new school from George W. Beale for $6.000. In March, 1833, the new school was incorporated.

The Rev. E. M. P. Wells, long a champion of boys in want, came to Thompson's Island on Easter Monday, April 8, 1833, with his assistant, Mr. Clough, and three boys. An old farm house on the island served as the first meeting place, and prayers for the new school were given. Then a white mulberry tree was planted on Mansion Hill, site of the main building to be erected that year.

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The farm house was sadly in need of repairs, and for the next two months Mr. Wells and a few boys went to the island each day. They first repaired and cleaned the farm house, then planted a garden. Mr. Wells was in consultation with Mr. Bulfinch, the architect for the new building, and with the builders. Plans for the main building and a stone dock were made and approved. The first supplies for the school were a barge and yoke of oxen, one for transporting on land, the other by sea.

On June 6, 1833 Mr. Wells, two assistants and fourteen boys moved to the island permanently. This group comprised the first student body and faculty on Thompson's Island.

On August 3, 1833 ground for the Main Building was broken. The next few weeks were busy ones indeed. The workmen, assisted by the pupils, constructed the main building and barn, dug the well and cleaned the spring. Oxen, cows and sheep were purchased and the farm areas laid out.

We cannot help but reflect upon the devoted spirit of the Rev. Mr. Wells and his boys, and the real joy they must have felt as they saw the results of their work. For, only two months later, the buildings were completed and Daniel Chandler came with a larger group of boys. Mr. Wells returned to his ministry and Mr. Chandler assumed charge of the school.

A great many of the supporters of Thompson's Island were also vitally interested in the school founded in the town of Boston in 1814. The old school was situated in the city where growing commerce and industry made it apparent that the location could not remain ideal. Expenses had mounted. Friends of both schools could see great benefits from the combining of their efforts, and happily,

on March 5, 1835, the assets of the Boston school were transferred to the Thompson's Island corporation. That the island school received great benefits from this union is to put it mildly, for it was a period of financial stress, and in addition to the permanent fund of the old school, the property was sold for an additional $21,000. It gave the Thompson's Island directors the impetus to forge ahead. More important, it gave to the boys of the intown school far greater benefits. It was a fortunate and happy union.

On June 5, 1835, the boys, 52 in number, and their matron, moved to their new campus on Thompson's Island to join the pupils already enrolled there.

This series will be continued in our next issue.

Topics in Brief

Our academic department has been busy in recataloging our textbooks. Many new publications have been purchased, especially for use in our language department. A casual observer notes with interest the practical way publishers are preparing their books for use in schools, particularly in the attractive type layout and the extensive use of illustrations.

The PILGRIM III has been rewired so that the interior lighting is much more efficient, with new dome type fixtures. Other important work on the boat has been accomplished. The boys are working on the project of painting and making minor repairs on our four oared rowboat. Marine life appeals to most boys, and in our location many opportunities are open for them to learn much about maintenance and operation of water craft.

Some of the boys have been using their spare time in constructing large cedar chests. These never fail to arouse the admiration of visitors, for they are beautifully made, and are a very practical model of woodwork. The sloyd room is a very busy place during leisure hours, for not only are such projects as cedar chests under construction, but also many other fine pieces, such as lamps, trays and boat models.

February 26 will be remembered as a very unusual day weatherwise, for the temperature nearly reached 70°, and it did not take the boys long to forsake basketball for baseball. It was the warmest February day in the history of the Boston weather bureau, and probably the earliest day that baseball has been the order of the day on Thompson's Island.

A new 9½ horse power hand-fired vertical fire tube boiler has been installed in our power house, replacing the old one, a move which was recommended by our insurance company. The new one presently supplies heat for the steam laundry, and soon will be tied in on a kitchen line so as to service new equipment to be installed in our kitchen.

A happy custom, of long standing, is the attention given the birthdays of the pupils. Once each month a special "Birthday Dinner" is served those who have birthdays during the month, and the event, which takes place under the supervision of Mr. Kehew, is always pleasurable and memorable.

Every Saturday morning Mr. Pearl inspects the dormitory rooms and a prize is given those who show the greatest attention to room care. Groups winning these prizes recently have attended the Sportsman's Show, and a Bruins hockey game. The room prizes are never announced in advance, and a variety is striven for. The boys enter the weekly contest seriously.

The boys were home for winter vacation from February 15 until February 24. A few boys remained at the school.

The Band Hears Com. MacMillan

The Engineers Blue Room Club, a Masonic organization, invited our band to entertain at its March 9 meeting. The boys were served a tasty dinner and shortly after played a program which featured concert, novelty, and military march music. During the concert the boys, much to the delight of everyone, sang the Happy Birthday song in honor of Mr. Warren's 79th birthday. Mr. Warren, who has led our band since 1923, was assisted by Howard B. Ellis, our alumnus and former bandmaster, and who takes a keen interest in the band.

After the band concert it was the great pleasure of all to hear a lecture by Commander Donald MacMillan, noted arctic explorer, who showed moving pictures of his trips to the far north. Commander MacMillan stated that he has completed plans for another expedition which will leave in June. The lecture was superb, and one which will be recalled with pleasure for a lifetime. Commander MacMillan shook hands with many of our boys, and expressed a wish to visit the school, which we hope he will do very soon.

News of the Alumni

The alumni committee studying the Bell Fund had a fine meeting on February 14. Several proposals, each designed to utilize the Fund for a definite and positive service were discussed. Some of these will be recommended for voting action by the Association at the next business meeting.

We were happy to receive the first issue of "The Poly-Vue", a new publication issued by National Polychemicals, Inc., of Wilmington, Mass. EDWARD V. OSBERG, '22, President and General Manager of the company may well be proud of the great strides foward which the Company has taken, since its quiet beginning in a one room office in Boston just four short years ago. The plant now occupies sixty acres, in Wilmington, Massachusetts, has sixty employees, and a brochure recently received pictures some of the work of the company and shows the several buildings which comprise the plant. Rubber, plastic and related industries are served by National Polychemicals.

WILLARD G. SCHROEDER, '24, writes from Washington where he has been located for many years. He is much interested in Thompson Academy news, and hopes to come East in the not too distant future and visit the school. His address is 710 Front St., Mukiltea, Washington.

STEPHEN H. VINAL, '38, writes that he regrets having missed the last meeting of the Bell Fund Committee. He is an Attorney at Law, with address at 21 Bowes Street, Quincy 69, Mass.

TEYET RAMAR, '53, has written a newsy letter from Texas, where he is on duty as a musician with the 3510th Air Force Band at Randolph AFB. He begins his letter by extending congratulations to our Band on its one hundredth anniversary. He adds that his musical duties are very pleasant, and that he has plenty of time to travel. It has been a year and a half since he has visited Thompson Academy, but he has heard much news of the school through alumni mailings.

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Anniversary Band Notice

This is a great and wonderful year for our school band, as it observes its One Hundredth Anniversary. Exercises to commemorate the event will take place at the Anniversary Concert, to be held in Faneuil Hall on Wednesday evening, April 24, at eight o'clock.

All our friends are warmly invited to attend this concert. An interesting program is being arranged and we are confident that the evening will be a pleasant and memorable occasion. No admission tickets are required. Please attend, and bring your friends.

We have gone to considerable expense this year with our music program. The Band has been fitted to new uniforms, a conservative Navy style, which we are sure our friends will like. The boys will play at the school music festivals, and participate in other events. Any contributions that our readers may care to make toward these rather heavy expenses will be gratefully received. Please send your gift to the Thompson Academy Band Fund, Thompson's Island, Boston 27. Your help and interest will be warmly appreciated.

Parents "Back to School" Day

The meeting of the Parents Council, held on March 31, was devoted to a "Back to School" program. At a short assembly the schedule was explained by Mr. Pearl and the Council President, Mr. Ficks. Printed instructions had been given each parent, so that there was a minimum of delay or confusion.

The parents visited each class where the teacher explained the courses which their boys were taking. The progress made during the year was of particular interest, as was the content of the courses. Time was sufficient so that the parents were able to ask questions and to discuss the evaluation of the marking system used in each class.

After classes there was a meeting of the entire council, at which time appreciation was expressed to the academic staff for the very informative period. It was the unanimous opinion that the "Back to School" type of meeting should be held more often.

The Founding of Thompson Academy

Part 4

In our previous issues we discussed the organization of Thompson Academy in Boston in 1814, of the Thompson's Island school in 1832, and the union of both in 1835. On June 9, 1835, Mrs. Katherine Hinsell, matron of the Boston school came to Thompson's Island with 51 pupils. She remained with her boys for nearly eight weeks, assisting in the organization of the

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household. There were very few boys on the island at the time these 51 students arrived. Captain Daniel Chandler continued as head of the school.

Classes were held for the first time on June 20, the enrollment being 54 scholars. The present chapel was used as the schoolroom. Reading, spelling, arithmetic, and geography were emphasized. Classes were held for the full year, and for six days weekly. Sunday was strictly observed as the Sabbath.

The Headmaster of the school kept a very complete record of the achievements of every scholar. He presided at the daily morning and evening chapel periods, and performed the Sunday religious services. He stressed the importance of academic instruction, and in general was held completely responsible for the moral training of the pupils.

The farm was under the direction of a farm superintendent, who, during the summer, had a workman to assist him. Pupils of suitable age were assigned work on the farm. The farm superintendent not only took care of the farm, but also was responsible for the boats, made all school purchases except the boys' clothing, and had a multitude of other duties. He had the general superintendency of the entire island, and was responsible for the "washing, mending, board and cooking," for the school.

The island was practically bare of trees. In fact, an early print of the island recently sent us by Alfred C. Malm, '00, shows only two trees of substantial size, one of course being the grand Old Elm. The Main Building, a small barn, the stone dock, and an old farm house were the only structures on the island. The enrollment grew during that first summer from 54 to 75 students. The

boys slept in one room on the third floor, attended classes in a body under one teacher, raised much of their food, and made a good many of the clothes they wore.

In concluding this series of four articles on the founding of Thompson Academy it is certainly fitting to once again salute those men whose foresight and public spirit caused them to be called "The Keepers of the New England Conscience." In establishing a school for boys, they, in reality, erected for themselves an imperishable memorial to their fidelity, faith and duty.

Topics in Brief

We welcome the return of Mark C. Baird, who is helping on our farm during this busy season. Mr. Baird was our farm superintendent for over a quarter of a century until his resignation in 1955. We know that he will be of tremendous help to us.

The varsity baseball team has begun its schedule of eleven games. This will be only the second year that we have played interscholastic baseball. We are embarking on another new program this year, that of interscholastic baseball for a junior team. This team will play seven games.

An excellent intramural series of softball contests will be played by those boys not members of the varsity groups. We plan to have every boy play either baseball or softball, and annually the interest in these sports is great.

The Band will have a busy spring season, with seven concerts, festivals and parades scheduled. Our readers are cordially invited to attend the concert at Faneuil Hall, Boston, April 24, at 8:00 p. m.

Our Boy Scout troop and Explorer unit have just completed renewal of registration for the Scout year beginning on April 30. We have excellent opportunity for scouting and hope to develop a strong program in this very fine activity.

The senior class had an outing this month! The first plane ride for any of the boys—with one exception. A half hour flight from the Norwood airport gave the boys a good view of Boston and the surrounding communities. They all agreed that no spot looked lovelier than Thompson's Island.

The pleasant voice which so often greets our friends making telephone calls here is that of Mrs. Lauretta Cox, our school secretary. Mrs. Cox has been with us for three years, coming to us from a similar position with a Boston church. Among her many talents outside the secretarial field is that of an artist, and she is presently designing a new school seal.

Our headmaster spoke to a Melrose church group on a recent Sunday and showed colored slides of academy activities. An account of his lecture was featured in the Melrose Free Press. Mr. Pearl's appearance at this meeting was arranged by Edward E. Andrew, '35. Incidentally, it should be noted that a representative of the school is always available for speaking engagements.

During the Easter vacation period the Pilgrim Fellowship group held a spring social party, under the direction of the group sponsor, Mr. Kehew. The party was very successful. In regard to the Fellowship, we are happy to say that the organization has had a steady, healthy growth. Membership is voluntary, and the group is governed by its elected officers, under the supervision of its sponsor.

News of the Alumni

R. BARRY GORRILL, '53, has written from Landstuhl Air Base, Germany and tells of a few of his experiences. Two hobbies, music and photography, have given both pleasure and profit to him. He has appeared in many shows as trumpet soloist. He has "covered" many important events with his camera, and does some work in portraiture. He has had opportunity to travel and see many of the important cities in Europe, Rome, Pisa, Paris, Marseille, Copenhagen, Cologne, Hamburg, Munich, Frankfurt and old Heidelberg, to name a few. He is looking ahead to next year when he hopes to tour England and Ireland. His address is: 526th Fighter Interceptor Squardron, APO 65, New York.

HAROLD Y. JACOBS, '10, can always be depended upon to lend his support and interest to the work of our Association, even though he has for many years been located in Chicago and unable to attend our functions. He is connected with the Interchemical Corporation, Printing Ink Division. In a recent note he tells us that his uncle, Samuel C. Denton, was a member of the very first Thompson Academy Band, and was one of those who went with Bandmaster Morse to serve in the Union army as Civil War musicians.

DAVID W. HOWARD, '54, is a freshman at Wentworth Institute and writes that he likes his schoolwork there very much. His address is 10 Lawson Road, Winchester, Mass.

ALBERT E. PETERSON, '21, upon discharge from the Navy in October, 1945, secured work for the U. S. Government and is now the Operating Engineer of the Veterans Administration Medical Outpatient Building in Boston. He writes that he hopes to visit the school soon and note the many changes which have been effected. He lives at 13 Merrimac Street, Woburn, Mass.

JOHN S. HIGGINS, '48, writes that he has been married for nearly five years and has a daughter nearly two years old. About a year ago he bought his own home and the family is very happy there. He is a milk salesman. His address is 57 Elm Street, East Bridgewater, Mass.

EDWARD A. ATTON '54, is a member of the U. S. Coast Guard, and is fortunate in being based near home, at Gay Head Life Boat Station, Martha's Vineyard.

HENRY A. SCHRAMM, '29, sends us a note telling us that his home is now at 100 Garden Street, Hingham. He writes that he is pleased to note the definite and excellent progress being made by the school and that the future certainly looks bright for Thompson Academy.

HERBERT L. DUDLEY, '16, has for many years been engaged in the cranberry business. He has charge of 50 acres of bog in North Carver, and is foreman for the A. D. Makepeace Co. He hopes to visit the school soon, and we suggest to him and all graduates that June 1, Alumni Day, will be a perfect time for a reunion at Thompson's Island.

Attention alumni! Don't fail to attend the 100th Anniversary Concert by the Band on April 24.

Notice will be sent soon of the spring meeting of the Alumni Association. It will be an important meeting. Please plan to be present.

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